

Senate Resolution 885

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Pearson of the 51st, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st, Brown of the 26th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending David Ralston as the first former member of the Georgia State Senate to be
2 elected Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, David Ralston was born in Ellijay, Georgia, and attended North Georgia
4 College and State University where he earned his bachelor's degree and the University of
5 Georgia School of Law where he earned his law degree; and

6 WHEREAS, after building a successful law practice, he was elected to the Georgia State
7 Senate in 1992 and served with honor and distinction as a member of this body until 1998;
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9 WHEREAS, in 1998, he was the Republican nominee for the office of Attorney General of
10 Georgia and, although he was unsuccessful in his campaign for that office, he continued to
11 demonstrate that he was an individual of vision and integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2002, he returned to the General Assembly as the state representative from
13 District 7 representing Fannin, Gilmer, and portions of Dawson County; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives quickly recognized his
15 outstanding wisdom and leadership, and in 2005 he was named the chairman of the
16 Non-Civil Judiciary Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout his service in the General Assembly, he has been a mentor to
18 younger members, a source of advice and counsel to all members, a formidable advocate, and
19 a friend to all; and

20 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2010, because of the steady and evenhanded leadership that he
21 offers, he was elected Speaker by the members of the House of Representatives with
22 bipartisan support; and

23 WHEREAS, the members of this body are exceedingly proud that David Ralston has become
24 the first former senator to be elected Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend and congratulate David Ralston on his election as Speaker of the House of
27 Representatives, extend to him their best wishes, express their appreciation for his dedicated
28 service to the people of Georgia, and look forward to continuing to work with him on the
29 issues that confront this state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to David Ralston.